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1. SECRETARY-GENERAL READ STATEMENT ON PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET AT JULY 21 HEAD OF DELEGATIONS' MEETING. COPY OF STATEMENT POUCHED TO EUR/RPE AND AVAILABLE AS OECD DOCUMENT CES/78.80.

2. ALTHOUGH SEC-GEN PROMISED ONCE AGAIN TO KEEP REAL GROWTH IN ONGOING PROGRAMS AT "VIRTUALLY ZERO" LEVEL, HE SAID NEW PROJECTS (LISTED BELOW) WOULD INVOLVE 2.8 PERCENT INCREASE IN OVERALL PART I BUDGET PROPOSALS. HE ALSO PREDICTED SEVERAL INCREASES IN PART II PROGRAMS.

3. ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT INCREASE IN PART I RESOURCES WILL BE REQUESTED TO MODERNIZE THE ORGANIZATION'S DATA PROCESSING AND STATISTICS
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FACILITIES. FINAL VERSION OF COMPUTER REPORT WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN A WEEK.

4. ONE-HALF PERCENT INCREASE IN PART I PLANNED FOR PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM OF INFORMATION SERVICES BUDGET. MAIN PROPOSAL IS NEW INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS CENTER PLANNED TO COVER GERMAN LANGUAGE SPEAKING AREA.

INCOME FROM SALES COULD EVENTUALLY COVER CENTER'S COSTS.

5. OTHER PART I INCREASES: ONE-HALF PERCENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PRIMARILY SECURITY, TRANSLATION SERVICES, AND ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE; AND A MISCELLANEOUS .3 PERCENT IN OTHER UNSPECIFIED AREAS OF THE WORK PROGRAM.

6. THERE COULD BE AS MANY AS 4 NEW PART II PROGRAMS: STEEL, TOXIC CHEMICALS, FOOD PRODUCTION, AND YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. EXTENSION OF INTERFUTURES INTO 1979 IS ALSO IN THE DISCUSSION STAGE AS IS THE URBAN CONCERNS INITIATIVE OF US WHICH MAY REQUIRE SOME FUNDING BEGINNING IN MID-1979. FRENCH DEL EXPRESSED CONCERN RE PROLIFERATION OF PART II PROGRAMS AND WAS SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL OTHER DELS WHO SPOKE OUT AGAINST PRINCIPLE OF OECD A LA CARTE.

7. US REP DREW ON REFTEL TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- US COULD SUPPORT A VERY MODEST INCREASE IN REAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT NEW ACTIVITIES APPROVED BY MINISTERS.
- HOWEVER, EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO SHIFT RESOURCES FROM LOWER TO HIGHER PRIORITY ACTIVITIES WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE BY

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SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH 1979 WORK PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY LOW PRIORITY AREAS FOR ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE.

- IN THIS CONNECTION, ORGANIZATION'S COMMITTEE STRUCTURE SHOULD BE RE-EXAMINED AND THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD IN 1979 WORK PROGRAM MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR STREAM LINING AS APPROPRIATE.
- TO ACHIEVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY OF STAFF TO MEET NEW TASKS, RATIO OF INDEFINITE-TENURED TO FIXED TERM PROFESSIONAL STAFF MAY NEED EXAMINING.
- US LOOKING FORWARD TO SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL TO UPDATE DATA PROCESSING FACILITIES.
- US WOULD WELCOME MODEST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN MICRO-ECONOMIC AREA.
- EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INCREASE NUMBER OF WOMEN ON PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

8. DEPT WILL NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT NO RECORD IS KEPT OF HEADS OF DEL MEETING. FORMAL WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET PRESENTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN USUAL FORMAT ABOUT OCTOBER 1. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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